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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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03/04/2015: Baldur, DJ6SI and Jan, DJ8NK are in Togo and will be active until 8th April 2015 as 5V7BD and 5V7JH, respectively. QRV on 160-10 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via home calls. [DX-World]

03/04/2015: Andy, LZ2HM will be active from the island of Vihamanafushi (WW Loc. MJ64SF), North Male Atoll, Republic of Maldives (IOTA AS-013), as 8Q7SA between 3-12 April 2015. Holiday style operation using Elecraft K3 with 100W, vertical DunaX GPN4B for 40m to 10m, VDA for WARC bands + some other antennas regarding a space. Will try on 6m and 60m too. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [DX-World]

03/04/2015: Akira, AF1Y will be active from the VIP Guest Hotel rental shack, Koror, Koror Island, Republic of Palau (IOTA OC-009) as T88MZ between 3-10 April 2015. QRV during spare time, HF bands. QSL via DU1CKF, by the bureau, or direct, LoTW and eQSL. [DX-World]

03/04/2015: Imam, YB4IR/7 along with local hams YB7AM/p, YC7BOA/p and YC7CPN/p are currently active from Serutu Island, the other island in the Karimata Group (IOTA OC-269). This is a new counter for the Nusantara Award, as Karimata was last activated as YE7P in 2005. Imam will operate CW and SSB while the others will be active SSB only. QRT approx 2300z on 6th April. QSL via YB4IR, we know we will get the QSL for IOTA credit. [W2FB]

03/04/2015: Budi, YF1AR/4 will be active from Enggano Island (OC-204) and the Malakoni Enggano lighthouse (ARLHS IDO-197) between 3-6 April 2015. QRV on 40-10 metres, mainly SSB. QSL via YF1AR Club Log OQRS or via QSL manager N2OO (QRZ.com). Further information and updates can be found at: www.yf1ar.com/2015/04/yf1ar4-ido-197-oc-204-enggano-island.html [DX-World]

03/04/2015: John ZL1BYZ, David ZL1DK and John ZL1ALZ will be active as ZL7E from Kaingaroa, Chatham Island (IOTA OC-038, WLOTA 1627, WWFF ZLFF-0017), 3 April to 15 April 2015. QRV on 40-10 metre CW, SSB and RTTY. Internet access permitting logs will be up loaded to Club Log daily, and LoTW after initial log checking on their return to Auckland. The preferred QSL route is via Club Log OQRS for both direct and bureau requests. Direct QSL via ZL1ALZ (John Balsillie, 48 Fraser Road, Pokeno 2471, New Zealand). [DxCoffee]

04/04/2015: Look for Alex, IW5ELA to be active holiday style as TK/IW5ELA from Calvi, island of Corsica (EU-014, DIFM TK-001, MIA MCO-001, WLOTA 1390) between 4-9th April 2015. QRV on 40-10 metres, mainly CW, using 100 Watts and vertical antenna. No QSL request needed. Every contact will be confirm by the bureau. For direct request read QRZ.com. [NG3K]

04/04/2015: Saturday 4 April 2015, Vasile YO6EX/p will be active from the Valea Lunga Fortified Church [XIV Century] (WCA YO-00987, RFA SB-F99). Plans are to be QRV on 7030, 10124, 14040, 18084, 21040 kHz (+/- QRM) CW and 14251 kHz SSB. QSL to home call, direct or Buro. Further info at: romanian-fortress.blogspot.com/ [YO6EX]

09/04/2015: Yamato Amateur Radio Club members Sasi JA1KJW, Mat JA1JQY, Kuni JA8VE and Karl JA3MCA will be active as 5W0KJ, 5W0JY, 5W0VE and 5W0MA, respectively, from Apia, Upolu island (WLOTA 1944), Samoa Islands (OC-097). QRV holiday style on 160-10 metre CW, SSB and RTTY from 9-15th April 2015, using Elecraft K2, K3x3, Ameritron ALM-500M, Spider Beam, HEX antenna and dipoles. QSL via each ops home callsign, direct or bureau. [DX-World]

09/04/2015: Francois F8DVD will be active from Longyearbyen, Spitsbergen Island (EU-026, WLOTA 0125), Svalbard, as JW/F8DVD between 9-15th April, 2015. QRV on 80-10 metre CW, SSB and Digital modes. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [DX-World]

09/04/2015: Steve, G3ZVW will once again be QRV as ZD8N from Georgetown, Ascension Island (AF-003, WLOTA 1491, WW Loc. II22TB), from 9-21 April 2015. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. 100 Watts and wire antennas. This will be a work trip, so activity will be evenings, weekends and early mornings. QSL via G3ZVW, bureau or direct. [NG3K]

LOOKING AHEAD -

12/04/2015: Dino, VE7NX will be on vacation from 12-24th April 2015 in Aruba (IOTA SA-036, WLOTA 0033). That will be a holiday style Dx-ing for a few hours a day only. The equipment is Icom IC706MKIIG, LDG200 Pro tuner, Mini Buddipole antenna and 5 band dipole. Will be working mostly CW but may switch to SSB if needed. He will not have internet access from the hotel. QSL via home call, direct or bureau and LoTW. [DxCoffee]

18/04/2015: Radio amateurs from Bielsko County in Poland (representatives of clubs: SP9KAT and SP9KOZl) together with very kind colleagues from Greece will be QRV (CW and SSB - HF) on Crete Island (EU-015, GIOTA KRS-005, MIA MGC-005, WLOTA 1400) as SX9PL from 18-24th of April 2015 in order to activate Cretan flora, fauna and ARLHS. Operators include Mirek SP9ONC, Marek SP9JKB, Martin SQ9AC, Darek SP9ETE, Tomek SP9NLT, John SV9IOQ and John SV9AHZ. The team says "it is a low budget Dxpedition. Due to luggage weight restrictions we take simple antennas etc. We are beginners first time as DXpedition operators, so please be full of understanding. The aim of the DXpedition is to help suffering children from Bielsko District through collaboration with the Foundation "Together for Children" (razemdladziecibielsko.org.pl). We are going to make a lot of QSOs with YOU - radio amateurs from around the world and YOU can help the Pediatric Hospital in Bielsko-Biala by donating using the button below (reference : "Crete 2015")." QSL via SP9KAT by the bureau or direct - Po Box Nr 6 43-365 Wilkowice Poland (only SAE + 2$). Website: www.qrz.com/db/sx9pl [DxCoffee]

29/04/2015: Operators Junichi JH3AEF, Tatsuo JA3ARJ, Jusei JA3IVU and Kunio JH3LSS will be active as A52AEF, A52ARJ, A52IVU and A52LSS, respectively, from the Dochula resort (3150m asl), Bhutan, from 29th April until 6th May 2015. Activity will be on 80-6 metre Phone, CW and Digital modes. Power will be 200W max, using 2 element yagi (20m-10m), HEX-6 (20m-6m), Loop(15m), Wire DP (40m), Long Wire (80, 40, 30m and 160m if possible). QSL A52AEF via JH3AEF direct or bureau. QSL A52ARJ via JA3ARJ direct only. QSL A52IVU via JA3IVU direct or bureau. QSL A52LSS via JH3LSS LoTW, direct or bureau. [DX-World]

07/05/2015: Nobuhaki, JA0JHQ will be active as JA0JHQ/VK9X from Christmas Island (OC-002, WWFF VKFF-0098, Grid Loc. OH29) between 7-10th May 2015. QRV on 40-6 metre CW and SSB. QSL via JA0JHQ (QRZ.com). [DX-World]

03/06/2015: Roberto, PB5X will once again be active holiday style as 9H3A from Mgarr, Gozo Island (EU-023, MIA MM-004, WLOTA 0046) from 3-10 June

2015. Focus will be on WARC band SSB. Working conditions will be a Kenwood TS-480 SAT and a 10mtr long glasfibre pole. The antenna situation will be at 25mtr to 50 mtr a.s.l. and overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. QSL can send by direct (Roberto, P.O. Box 3160, 4800 DD - Breda, The Netherlands) or via the bureau. [NG3K]

SPECIAL EVENTS -

04/04/2015: For the 90th anniversary of the IARU some special call sign will be on the air - from Martinique Island (NA-107, DIFO FM-001, WLOTA 1041): TO90IARU from 4-18th April; from Corsica Island (EU-014, DIFM TK-001, MIA MCO-001, WLOTA 1390): TK90IARU same dates; from France: TM90WARD from 17-19th April. ALL QSOs will be automatically confirmed by the Bureau from the REF QSL Bureau. [F6AJA]

04/04/2015: Operators Kardi YB9KA, Adi YB9GV and Burkhard DL3KZA will operate special event station YB200T to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Mt. Tambora eruption - the largest volcanic eruption recorded in history - from Lombok Island (OC-150, WLOTA 2637) at the foot of the Mt. Tambora. Activity will be on the HF bands between 5-11th April 2015. QSL via W2FB. Wesbite: www.qrz.com/db/yb200t [DX-World]

04/04/2015: Special callsign GB2SUM will be in use on 4-5 April during the Royal Air Force Amateur Radio Society's "Airfields On The Air" event (http://www.qsl.net/g4dqp/Activations.html). The location is the former WWII RAF airfield at Sumburgh on the Shetland Islands (EU-012). QSL via MM5PSL, direct only. [425 DX News]

U.S.A. Special Event Stations can be found at:
www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

03/04-06/05 YF1AR/4: Malakoni Enggano WLOL:IDO-197 QSL N2OO (d)
03/04-15/04 ZL7E: Chatham Island WLOTA:1627 QSL ZL1ALZ (d)
04/04-09/04 TK/IW5ELA: Corsica Island WLOTA:1390 QSL H/c (B)
05/04-11/04 YB200T: Pulau Lombok WLOTA:2637 QSL W2FB (d)
09/04-15/04 5W0JY: Upolu Island WLOTA:1944 QSL JA1JQY (d/B)
09/04-15/04 5W0KJ: Upolu Island WLOTA:1944 QSL JA1KJW (d/B)
09/04-15/04 5W0MA: Upolu Island WLOTA:1944 QSL JA3MCA (d/B)
09/04-15/04 5W0VE: Upolu Island WLOTA:1944 QSL JA8VE (d/B)
09/04-15/04 JW/F8DVD: Spitsbergen Island WLOTA:0125 QSL H/c (d/B)
09/04-21/04 ZD8N: Ascension Island WLOTA:1491 QSL G3ZVW (d/B)

6 METRES & UP -

04/04 NZART V/U/SHF Low Band 6m-70cm 04 0500z-06 0100z
04/04-05/04 Mississippi QSO Party 6m-70cm classes 04 1400z-05 0200z
04/04-05/04 Missouri QSO Party 6m-70cm classes 04 1400z-05 2000z
04/04 RaDAR-America Contest Phone/CW/Digi VHF class 1400z-1800z
04/04 FISTS Two Metre Activitiy FISTS/NON-FISTS 1500z-1600z
04/04-05/05 Texas State Parks On The Air 6m class 04 1600z-05 0159z
04/04-05/04 Montana QSO Party 6m-70cm classes 04 1800z-05 0559z
05/04 RSGB First 70MHz Contest SO/Fixed/Open 0900z-1200z
05/04 FISTS Two Metre Activitiy FISTS/NON-FISTS 1000z-1100z
07/04 LY 144MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1700z-2059z
07/04 NRAU 144MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1700z-2100z
07/04 SPAC 144MHz Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z
07/04 RSGB 144MHz UKAC SO/Fixed/Open 1900z-2130z

08/04 MOON Contest 432MHz CW/Digital/FM/SSB 1800z-2000z
09/04 LY 50MHz Activity Contest CW/SSB/FM 1700z-2059z
09/04 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest SO/MO/Open 1700z-2100z
09/04 SPAC 50 MHz Contest CW/Phone/Open 1800z-2200z

Contest Calendar: www.qsl.net/va3rj/con_apr.html

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SMIRK: www.smirk.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/

QSL INFO -

DXCC Approved Operation:
TI9/3Z9DX 2015 Operation
73, Dave, NN1N

QSLs via Bureau: 3D2RH, 3V8BCC, 4S7BRG, 4S7DLG, 5X1NH, 7P8JR, 7P8NH, 9Y4W, 9X0NH, A61DJ, A61BK, FK8DD/M, J6/DL7VOG, KH2L, KH6/K1YR, PJ2/DF8ZH, PJ2/PH2L, PJ7/K5WE, S79NU, TG7/HR2DMR, TX7G, V5/DJ2HD, V55V, VP2V/SP9WSZ, VQ975FOC, XT2CML, YJ0ZZ, Z21DXI, ZD8D and Z81Z.

QSLs via Direct: 8J1RL (JG2MLI), A71BO (A71A), EJ1Y [EU-007] (EI5JQ), EP6T (M0URX), FT4TA (OQRS), SU9VB (UA4WHX), and VK6ISL [OC-294] (VE3LYC).

QSLs via LoTW: 4L8A, 4X7R, 8P2K, 9Y4W, CE1TT, CE3WW, CR5D, CW5W, CX9AU, DJ5AN, DM1A, DM9EE, EA8OM, EF8U, ES1O, EV1R, F5UTN, F6FYA, G2F, HB9CA, HG7T, IB1B, IO4W, IZ8FWN, K1N, KP2DX, LA6ZFA, LT7H, LY2W, NP2P, OH4A, OL5T, OL7M, P33W, P40L, PJ4Z, PV2P, PW2D, PX2F, PX5E, PY2MC, R8CT, R9AE, RA9AU, RJ4P, RW1CW, S52ZW, S54O, S590IARU, SV5DKL, TO4C, UA2F, UA2FZ, UW2M, VA3EC, VA7DX, VC6K, VC7GL, VE3TW, VK2PN, VO1HZ, WP3C, XE2B, YL9T, YP3A, YP8T, YT1HA, YT3A, YV4NN, Z30A, ZF2DX and ZM2IO.

BITS & PIECES -

Press Release
FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION -

NCDXF announces major grant to the VK0EK Heard Island DXpedition

April 2, 2015

The Northern California DX Foundation is pleased to announce a grant of $50,000 to the VK0EK Heard Island DXpedition planned for November 2015. Heard Island has moved up to the #5 position on the ClubLog Most Wanted List, after the recent Navassa operation.
Without major financial support from NCDXF, DXpeditions like this to challenging or rare locations would not be possible.
Within the last year, NCDXF has given $175,000 in grants to operations in Iran, Andaman, Navassa, Eritrea, South Sandwich, South Georgia, Chesterfield, Heard and to a yet unannounced DXpedition, all of which are in or near the Top Ten Most Wanted.
We have been doing this for the past 42 years, making rare DX happen and bringing fun to DXers everywhere. The credit for these large grants goes to the NCDXF contributors, individuals and clubs, who believe in supporting NCDXF.
In the next few weeks and months, please stop by the NCDXF booths at Visalia, Dayton, and other major DX meetings. Our board members are looking

forward to meeting you and thanking you for your support!
Have you contributed yet?

73
Glenn Johnson, W0GJ
NCDXF Vice President
http://www.ncdxf.org

NAQCC Central Texas Chapter Participating in Parks Event -
The Central Texas Chapter will be participating in the Texas State Parks
On The Air contest next Saturday the 4th of April.
As I stated in the last newsletter, this will be a "Divide & Conquer" or
as Texas Patriots said, for the Battle of Gonzales "Come and take it" event
for the Central Texas Chapter.
Joe, K5BRY # 6666, will be operating from The South Llano River State
Park, and Larry, WB5BEK # 7534, Lester, WD4IFU #7676, Chris KD5GIK, and
myself N5DRG, #5861, will be operating from Seminole Canyon State Park.
Just a nice easy drive. About 150 miles for K5BRY, and 300 miles for Larry,
Chris, Lester, and I.
Operating Frequencies will be normal QRP frequencies. 7.040, 7.030, and
The Central Texas Chapters weekly CW net operating frequency of 7.065MHz.
all of these are + or - due to the other contest that are scheduled for
that weekend per the ARRL Contest Calendar.
If you have any questions please contact Danny Goodrum, N5DRG.
South Llano River State Park:
http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/south-llano-river
Seminole Canyon State Park:
http://tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/seminole-canyon
Paul - N8XMS
NAQCC Club President
NAQCC #0675

ND0S NORTH DAKOTA QSO PARTY -
The North Dakota QSO Party will be held on April 18-19, 2015. N0ND will
be active as ND0S from Slope County, ND. Very Rare, no HF hams are licensed
in the county. See W0ND web site (www.w0nd.com/) for rules and times.

US ISLANDS ONE-DAY GETWAY -
Hams Hit the Water for the new US Islands Awards Program's "One-Day
Getaway" - Saturday, May 9, 2015 (0000-2359z).
Fans of portable ham radio are encouraged to grab their equipment and head
for the water as part of the new "One-Day Getaway," sponsored by the US
Islands awards program. The annual event will make its debut on Saturday,
May 9, 2015, from 0000 UTC through 2359 UTC (Friday evening to Saturday
evening in the continental US).
Founded in 1994, US Islands promotes portable ham radio operations from
islands found in all bodies of water: lakes, rivers, streams, ponds, and
coastal islands in US territorial waters. The One-Day Getaway is an on-air
activity, not a contest: no scores are tallied and no prizes are awarded.
Participation from all radio amateurs, regardless of experience level, is
encouraged.
"US Islands is a great way to go on a mini-DXpedition without spending a
lot of money," said US Islands Awards Manager Jay Chamberlain, NS4J.
"Discovering islands in your own back yard and setting up a station outdoors
is always a good time. If hams have only operated outdoors during Field Day,
we offer another route to get outside and enjoy portable ham radio in a
different way."

Contacts can be made with any station; US Islands offers achievement awards for both island activators and island chasers, including a certificate for your first US Islands activation.
While there are over 2,800 islands on the US Islands list, there are more than 17,000 islands within the United States. Participants can use Google Earth to locate new islands and be the first to operate ham radio from that location!
Complete information on the US Islands Program, a how-to guide for One-Day Getaway participants and a list of currently qualified islands is available at: www.usislands.org/ [USi]

VP8IDX VP8STI VP8SGI Announce 29 March 2015
We are pleased to announce that the Government of South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands has issued our Dxpedition call signs. We will use VP8STI from South Thule Island (South Sandwich). We will use VP8SGI from South Georgia Island. [DXAT]
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73 and Good DX!
Dave Raycroft, VA3RJ
Home of I.C.P.O. & VEFF Program: www.qsl.net/va3rj/
Note: My website is constantly updated and will often show activity that did not make it in time for the I.C.P.O. Bulletin, and last minute announcements. My DX Calendar page is a good place to start to find updated information between bulletins.
Join the VEFF (Flora & Fauna) Forum at: groups.yahoo.com/group/VEFF/
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